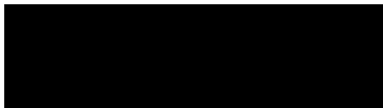


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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Conferences were had with each of the following members of the Board of National Estimates:

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A separate brief memorandum of conversation with each of these gentlemen is added hereto.

1. In general ONE appears to require a ready file of basic intelligence on a wide range of subjects. The nature of the responsibilities of the Board and Staff of ONE requires them to bring the full force of their talents and all available information to bear on particular problems with which they are, from time to time, concerned. To this end ORR detailed industry and commodity studies, particularly those prepared specifically for national estimates, appear to serve ONE requirements satisfactorily.

2. Although the Board and Staff members of ONE have little time to read ORR reports, except as they bear upon particular estimates, the persons interviewed did indicate that a quarterly survey of major economic developments in the Soviet Bloc would be useful as background information.

3. The persons interviewed directed attention to a problem of increasing difficulty: the provision of adequate economic intelligence support on non-Soviet Bloc countries. This problem, obviously, lies outside the terms of reference of this present study but it is reported here for such consideration as may be deemed proper.

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